

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Director Wray,

Starting on May 31, 2022, I've written three letters to you regarding political bias that has infected the FBI's Washington Field Office.¹ Two of those letters provided specific and credible allegations based on numerous whistleblowers that have approached my office with information that one can only conclude is indicative of a deeply rooted political infection that has spread to investigative activity into former President Trump and Hunter Biden. As I've noted both in my public letters and public statements, the FBI approved investigative activity into Trump based in substantial part on liberal news articles and information derived from a liberal non-profit yet shut down investigative activity and sources, which included verified and verifiable information, relating to Hunter Biden.² The FBI has not refuted these serious allegations. Thus far, the FBI has failed to address the concerns that I've raised and failed to produce the requested records. The consistent failure to respond to Congress continues to erode trust in the FBI.

As just one example of how this political bias impacts investigations, at the Judiciary Committee's August 4, 2022, FBI oversight hearing, I asked you the following, "When the FBI receives potential criminal information relating to a matter that is subject to investigation and prosecution by a U.S. Attorney, is it the FBI's standard practice to share that information with the relevant U.S. Attorney's Office?"³ In response, you stated the following,⁴

My expectation is that when a particular office has the lead, both the U.S. Attorney's office and the relevant FBI field office, that if other offices come across that information – information that's relevant to that – we want to make sure those tips and leads are passed to the responsible office.

¹ Press Release, Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Grassley Raises Concern about Apparent Political Bias by Senior FBI Public Integrity Official (May 31, 2022), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-raises-concern-about-apparent-political-bias-by-senior-fbi-public-integrity-official>; *see also* Press Release, Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Whistleblowers' Reports Reveal Double Standard in Pursuit of Politically Charged Investigations by Senior FBI, DOJ Officials (July 25, 2022), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/whistleblowers-reports-reveal-double-standard-in-pursuit-of-politically-charged-investigations-by-senior-fbi-doj-officials>.

² Press Release, Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Whistleblowers' Reports Reveal Double Standard in Pursuit of Politically Charged Investigations by Senior FBI, DOJ Officials, *supra* note 1.

³ *Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation* Before the S. Comm on the Judiciary, 117th Cong. (Aug. 4, 2022) (Sen. Charles Grassley questioning of Dir. Christopher Wray).

⁴ *Id.*

How can verified and verifiable information relating to Hunter Biden's potential criminality be shared with U.S. Attorney Weiss if it is shut down? How can the Hunter Biden criminal investigation be full and complete if the FBI improperly shut down verified and verifiable information and sourcing relating to potential criminal activity? How can Congress and the American people trust the results?

These are critical questions for you to answer.

In light of the FBI's failure to respond to my legitimate oversight requests, please provide a comprehensive organization chart for the Washington Field Office. The purpose of this request is to better understand how the Washington Field Office is staffed, who is responsible for the units and squads within the office and to prepare for future congressional interviews. As you are aware, Assistant Special Agent in Charge Tim Thibault is not the only politically biased FBI agent at the Washington Field Office. The FBI answers to Congress and the American people, so please provide the comprehensive organization chart no later than August 31, 2022.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary